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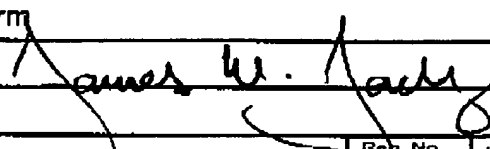
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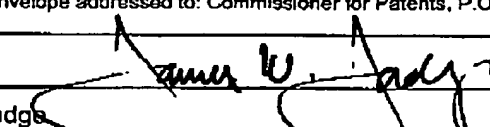
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**AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

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**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.